

New Crenshaw School Classrooms Open January 3

A 12-classroom addition to the Crenshaw School opened January 3. The entire new school, when completed, will include an additional two classroom kindergarten unit, a cafeteria, and administrative offices, according to Al Posner, assistant superintendent of schools.

Bungalow classrooms now in use on the Crenshaw site are scheduled for immediate reconditioning. Upon completion of this project, a total of 22 classrooms will be available for an enrollment of 780 pupils.

Funds for the new building were obtained from the federal government under Public Law 815.

As new classrooms are completed, it is necessary for attendance boundaries to be

changed so that relief can be given to other nearby schools. The opening of these classrooms will give relief to Perry school, which is experiencing rapid growth, and also to North Torrance Elementary school, Posner stated.

New students moving into the Southwest Park tract, Unit 2, will attend Crenshaw school until the Steele school is completed in Southwest Park.

Some inconvenience may occur for a few families due to transfer of children from one school to another. Every effort is being made to reduce these transfers to a minimum, Posner concluded.

GAS CO. PROMOTES FOSTER

F. M. Foster has been elected vice president of Southern California Gas company effective January 1, 1955, it was announced today by F. M. Banks, president and general manager.

Foster, presently the company's general sales manager, will take over the direction of the sales and customer functions, succeeding W. M. Jacobs, who was recently made vice president and assistant general manager.

The newly elected vice president has been with the gas company since 1936. He was made general sales manager in 1949, after serving in various supervisory positions in the Los Angeles and San Joaquin Valley divisions of the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Benton McMillen, Jr., of 223 4th Place, Manhattan Beach, announce the birth of a son, Mark Andrew, weighing 7 pounds and 5 ounces.



LUCKY SEVEN—Pat Allen, Redondo Beach, puts a final touch to his first-place winning entry in an El Camino college poster contest to publicize "Seventh Heaven," as Coed Sally Bisset of Hermosa Beach, gives approval. The play will be presented by the drama department January 14 and 15.

Leabo Sweepstakes Winner In Allied Gardens Contest

Lovely out-door Christmas decorations dotted the Allied Gardens landscape during the holiday season with the following winners being chosen in the first annual Christmas decorations contest sponsored by the Allied Gardens Homeowners' association:

RELIGIOUS THEME

First place — Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Leabo, 22314 Redbeam street;

Second place—Mr. and Mrs. W. Dornberger, 5614 Rockview;

Third place — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Halls, 22219 Shadycroft.

CHILDREN'S THEME

First place — Mr. and Mrs. Harris Yancey, 5520 Clearsite;

Second place—Mr. and Mrs. Leland Speaks, 22308 Susana;

Third place — Mr. and Mrs. Bell Abernathy, 5603 Avenue A.

LIGHTING

First place — Bob Barnhart, 22202 Warmside;

Second place—James Stadler, 22114 Warmside;

Third place—Ralph F. Gmur, 5325 Sunnyview.

Judges for the contest were Mayor Nick Drale and Councilmen Willys Blount and Mervin Schwab.

Prizes were donated by Clark's market in Waveria and the Retail Merchants' association of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

"Homeowners responded wonderfully to this contest," George Fowler, committee chairman

stated. "About 75 per cent of the homes had some sort of decorations."

Manslaughter Charge Sought Against Woman

Mrs. Paul Cline "probably was criminally responsible" for the accidental death of a Torrance man who died 20 hours after he was struck by the woman's auto, December 17, a coroner's jury ruled last week.

Killed was William Gratton, 42, of 18919 Yukon avenue, a gas company employee. Gratton was working in the street at Western avenue and 186th street behind a metal barricade when he was hit by the Cline auto, police state.

A manslaughter complaint will be sought by the district attorney's office by Los Angeles police who handled the incident, it was disclosed.

Gratton is survived by his wife and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Titus, of 1638 W. 214th St., announce the birth of a son, George V., weighing 8 pounds and 13 1/2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry S. Lasky, of 22228 Kathryn Ave., announce the birth of a son, Larry William, weighing 7 pounds and 6 ounces.

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Community Chest Reports Record Fund-Raising Drive

The 1954 Community Chest campaign throughout the Los Angeles area proved to be a record breaking year as a new high in fund raising was reached.

Total money raised as reported at the Chest's 11th report meeting held recently at the Ambassador Hotel, was \$8,342,057. This figure represents 96.29% of the \$8,652,000 the 70,000 Chest volunteers were shooting for in behalf of 164 Chest services.

Campaign Chairman John E. Fishburn gave the total to climax reports from all department heads.

More than 500 campaign leaders from all areas saw a host of individuals and firms cited for their fund raising support.

Biggest chunk of money came from the Motion Picture Permanent Charities who tossed in \$24,591 to increase its total contribution to \$573,551.

In giving his report, Thompson assured Chest top leadership that his workers would keep on the job to cleanup any outstanding assignments.

"We still have contributions here in our area that need to be picked up," Thompson said. "And we intend to get every dollar we can, for each dollar we get will bring us closer to our goal."

The Harbor Area was also awarded the Valentine trophy for having the largest percentage of increase since the last meeting.

Merchants To Play Sunday

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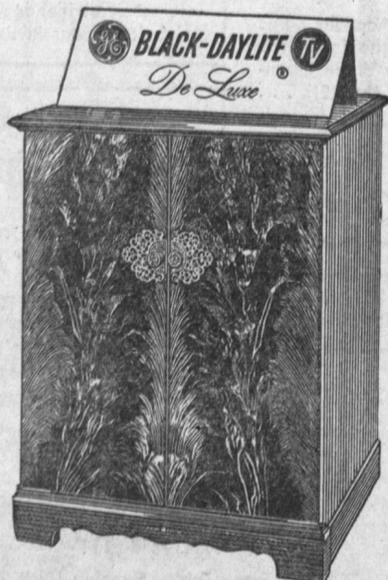
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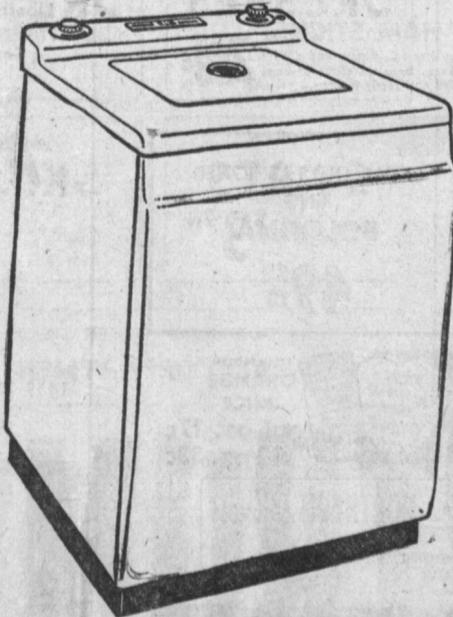
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